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MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE



Overview

Medicaid Long-Term Care programs assist eligible recipients to live in the setting that is most appropriate for their needs, including nursing facilities, their own or a caregiver's home. To be eligible for long-term care assistance, applicants must meet both income and resource limits, although these limits may be higher than the limits for other Medicaid programs. Other criteria considered are functional status, age, citizenship and Georgia residency. Waiver recipients must qualify for the level of care provided in a nursing facility or other qualified institution.

PROGRAMS

- Community Care Services
- Georgia Enhanced Care
- Independent Care Waiver
- Mental Retardation Waiver
- Nursing Facility
- Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment

Georgia's Medicaid Long-Term Care Programs

Community Care Services Program waiver provides both home and community-based services to elderly and/or functionally impaired or disabled people. It includes care management, adult day health, alternative living services, personal care, home delivered meals, extended home health, and emergency response systems.

Georgia Enhanced Care is a disease management program for 100,000 members on Social Security Income. The program began late 2005 and provides enhanced care management to members with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, asthma, coronary artery disease, hemophilia and schizophrenia.

Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) offers services to a limited number of adult Medicaid recipients with physical disabilities, including persons with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). This program is for eligible Medicaid recipients between the ages of 21 and 64 who are severely physically disabled. ICWP services include personal support, home health, emergency response systems, specialized medical equipment and supplies, counseling and home modifications.

Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP) and Community Habilitation Support Services offer home or community-based service for people with mental retardation or a developmental disability. Five regional offices under the Department of Human Resources determine eligibility and coordinate service delivery for these programs. MRWP covers day rehabilitation and supported employment, residential training and supervision, specialized medical equipment and supplies, vehicle adaptations and home modifications.

Nursing Facility services include skilled nursing care, rehabilitation services, and health related care in an institutional setting. Persons in nursing facilities need a-round-the-clock nursing oversight. Nursing facility services also include Intermediate Care Facility/Mental Retardation and swing bed services.

Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) serves frail elderly and disabled Georgians who are eligible for Supplemental Security Income/Medicaid. This program is available in limited areas. An assessment process identifies individuals. In addition to core services of monitoring and assistance with functional tasks, SOURCE individuals can have home delivered meals, adult day health care, personal care home and 24-hour medical access.